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## **REMARKS**

This is in full and timely Response to the non-final Official Action of October 6, 2004. By this response, the Applicant has canceled without prejudice or disclaimer all of the rejected apparatus claims while retaining the allowed method claims. The apparatus claims will be the subject of a continuing application as currently planned. This action is taken to expedite issuance of a patent, without acquiescence in or agreement with each of the stated rejections.

Early Notice of Allowance is requested.

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